



Allen's eNewsletter

Dear Patrick,

Greetings to our constituents, fellow Floridians, and all Americans. This weekend as I was traveling back from spending in Orlando, my wife Angela called me and conveyed the news about the death of Whitney Houston. As I continued down Florida's turnpike, I remembered coming back from Operation Desert Shield (born in 1991, as we were dropping altitude to land in Philadelphia the one played Whitney's rendition of the National Anthem which the song for the Super Bowl that year. There was not a dry eye in that plane, most truly included. Many Americans will remember Houston as the "Queen of Pop." Someday I will always remember her as the voice that welcomed me back to the "Land of the Orange and the House of the Brave." Go with God, Whitney and we shall never forget the beauty of your voice.

Just as I returned home from that 1991 combat operation, let us not forget why some first came to these shores. Pilgrims came to America's shores in search for religious freedom. They sought a land where they could freely worship without persecution from a State which endorsed no religion, and even impose, its ideas on religion and doctrine. Even the State of Maryland was established as a sanctuary for Catholics. Here in America, our revered first amendment expresses that Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.

Clip of the Week

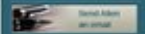


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